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To Business Men.

Businessmen and others who wish to advertise, will consult their own interests by advertising in

THIS PAPER, as its circulation is larger than that of any other paper printed in Vinton County, and has an extensive circulation in adjoining counties, among an active, enterprising and intelligent population.

Democratic State Ticket.

For Governor,
ALLEN G. THURMAN, of Franklin.
For Lieutenant Governor,
DANIEL S. UHL, of Holmes.
For Treasurer,
Dr. C. FULTON, of Crawford.
For Auditor,
JOHN McELWEE, of Butler.
For Attorney General,
FRANK H. HURD, of Knox.
For Judge of Supreme Court,
Judge THOMAS M. KEY, of Hamilton.
For Controller of Treasury,
WILLIAM SHERIDAN, of Williams.
For Board of Public Works,
ARTHUR HUGHES, of Cuyahoga.

COUNTY TICKET.

For Representative,
ANDREW J. SWAIN.
For Prosecuting Attorney,
DAVID B. SHIVEL.
For Surveyor,
S. C. STEINBROOK.
For Commissioner,
A. SOULE.

A WOOLEN FACTORY.—A person who owns a large and valuable tract of land, through which the Marietta and Cincinnati Railroad passes, west of and adjoining the Zaleski Estate, in Vinton county, desires to build upon it a fine and complete woolen factory, and every thing else necessary for building and running an establishment of this kind, being near at hand. We think there is not a more convenient location in this county for a woolen factory. For further particulars call on or address the Editor of this paper.

THE Democratic Executive Committee of Vinton County—S. C. Case, D. B. Shivel, and J. G. Sweetland, Jr., have appointed the following named gentlemen as an ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Engle—John W. Wilkinson, Isaac Inaugle, Brown—Washington Keeton, Seth T. Wood, Elk—A. J. Swain, Patrick McAllister, Conn. Smith.
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Harrison—A. Arganbright, S. C. Steinbrook, Wilkerson—Charles Mulholland, King Wells, Ames—Henry Peckhard, George R. Bell.

SORELY TROUBLED.—The loyal radical party is sorely troubled just now about a "Chairman of the National Republican Committee," as they call it. The party has become so corrupt that it is falling out with its ablest man. Last year, H. J. Raymond of the New York Times was expelled from the chairmanship of the Committee, because of his participation in the Philadelphia convention. Horace Greeley of the celebrated New York Tribune was then put on the Committee in Raymond's place, because it was then thought Greeley was sound and reliable; but now Greeley has become a bandwagon of Jeff. Davis, and the loyal radicals throughout the country are abusing him with more vehemence than they ever abused Raymond. They now want another Chairman. Two successive chairmen, both among the ablest men of their party, have become "disloyal" and "unfaithful," according to the radical papers. What will they do? What had they better do under the existing circumstances? Who will be their next chairman? They ought to find some sound and reliable man whom they can trust during the Presidential campaign. D. Mackley of the Jackson Standard, would just suit if he was only known by the radicals all over the "New Nation," and was not so near insane. We would not recommend his appointment to such an important position in his old age, for the reasons above named, and, then, besides those reasons, he would ruin the prospects of the party, writing "Random Thoughts" on the poor African.

For Minkler's Herb Bitters
Go to Sisson's Drug Store.

GREAT

DEMOCRATIC

MASS MEETING

AT

McARTHUR, OHIO,

Saturday, August 10, 1867.

At a meeting of the Democratic State Executive Committee, in conjunction with State candidates, appointments were made for meetings in nearly every county in the State, to be addressed by leading Democrats of the State.

Judge THURMAN,
(Our candidate for Governor.)
Judge VAN TRUMP,

and others, will address the people of Vinton county, at McArthur, on Saturday, Aug. 10.

THE trial of John H. Surratt, for the murder of Lincoln commenced about three weeks ago. The prosecution in the trial closed on Saturday last, and the witnesses for the defence were commenced on Monday. Mr. Bradley, Attorney for the prisoner, confidently assumes that he has ample store of evidence to prove the major portion of the witnesses for the prosecution perjured criminals, and to establish an undeniable alibi for the defendant. He also announces that he has proof that Surratt was concealed far away during the assassination trials, that he was not allowed to see a newspaper, and, moreover, that he did not know of the arrest of his mother until after her execution. The original contract of the conspirators, with their signatures prefixed, will be produced, and neither the names of Mrs. Surratt nor her son will be found there.

THE Hamilton True Telegraph, the organ of the Democracy of old Butler, responds favorably to the proposition that the Democratic State Central Committee shall issue a call for the reassembly of the Democratic State Convention. It says, truly, "new issues have arisen which must be met." These issues are the immediate payment of the National debt in "greenbacks," and the negro suffrage amendment to the State Constitution, which has been submitted since the Democratic State Convention adjourned on the 8th of January. The Democracy of Ohio want to be heard from officially on both questions. Will not the State Central Committee give them a chance?

HOW THE MEXICANS DO IT.—A letter writer, in speaking of the execution of Maximilian, says:
"The Mexican way of doing these things is to place the victim in the center of a hollow square, and then detail four soldiers to shoot him in the back, as a traitor to the country. The first volley is seldom fatal; but whether it is so or not, there is one course which is invariably pursued—the corporal walks up to the wounded or dead man, puts the muzzle of his piece to his left ear and blows out his brains. In this way Mendez was killed, and this has probably been the fate of the Emperor. Next in order of trial comes General Castillo, Valdez, Arrellano and Prince Salm-Salm, who holds American papers. The programme is to court-martial them all in batches, according to their rank; but with the petty officers it is probable that very short work will be made. There are, altogether, about four hundred and thirty, among them Major Chrisman, an Austrian, long resident in the country, who acted as General Scott's interpreter in 1848."

THE General and Local Laws, passed by the 57th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, at the adjourned session, begun and held in the City of Columbus, January 2, 1867, have been received by W. F. Felton, Auditor of Vinton county, and are ready for distribution. Township Clerks and others will please call at the Auditor's office and receive copies of Laws. The Auditor will accept our thanks for a copy of the Laws.

[From the Buffalo Express.]

Fearful Lightning Stroke.

Last Thursday afternoon, about five o'clock, a large crowd had assembled in the Fair Ground of the Springfield Union Agricultural Association, when a sharp thunder storm suddenly came up. The rain soon began to fall, and the crowd sought refuge from its effects in the exhibition sheds. A flash of lightning took place accompanied by a loud peal of thunder, and instantly an awful spectacle was presented.

The lightning struck one of the sheds which contained mops, women and horses. About a hundred persons were paralyzed in an instant, falling on their faces, and as many as fifty were rendered insensible for five or ten minutes, while about a dozen were quite seriously burned. An old gentleman named John Gosselin, and two or three others, are not expected to recover. One woman was prostrated and deprived of her senses, but not of her power of locomotion; she instinctively gathered herself up and ran to the bus and was conveyed to Holmes Hotel, and declares she had no knowledge of what took place after the flash, until she found herself in a room at the house.

The lightning struck a post in the center of the shed, against which Henry Tillou, the landlord of the West Falls Hotel, was leaning, and to which a horse was attached by a chain halter. The horse was killed instantly, while Mr. Tillou escaped by being dazed and knocked down. A singular fact mentioned in connection with the strange freak of the electric fluid is that all the persons rendered insensible fell upon their faces.

A young lady named Miss Nellie Casey, who wore a white and black checked dress, was quite seriously injured, but her dress was fairly scorched, but did not take fire. Another woman was struck on the shoulder, the fluid passing down her side, raising a perfect blister in its course. A man from Otto was hit on the right side of the head, and on his recovery the mark was found to commence at the right eye, which was swelled like a puff-ball, and could be plainly traced down the neck, across the chest and off the left arm.

The most fearful consternation existed among the people until it was discovered how light the injuries were that had been inflicted, and the excitement was most intense. A great many attributed the stroke to the attraction of a mowing machine which stood near the shed, but two boys who were sitting on it at the time escaped uninjured, nor was the machine at all damaged if struck.

A valuable mare which was hitched to the pole was knocked down, and died, on Friday from the effects of the lightning.

The Murder of Maximilian.

UNDER this caption Henry Wikoff considered a letter to the New York Times as follows:

"Maximilian has been wantonly murdered; the sentiments of this humane age have been cruelly lacerated, and an outrage has been committed against the United States that calls for punishment. The people of this country gave all their sympathy to the so-called Republican faction, and the remonstrances of our Government have restored it to power, and the only guerdon we asked was mercy for Maximilian, whose misfortunes had condemned his errors. His death is not merely an act of inhumanity, but of ingratitude. It is not only a crime, but an insult. Let the half-breeds of Mexico beware. Indiscreet butchery may be harmless sport in their eyes, but the people of these States brook neither insolence nor injury from the Great Powers of the earth. Will they accept it from the refuse of mankind?"

And in view of the insult to this country, the New York Herald, which at the outset faintly excused the "taking off" of the unfortunate Prince, calls upon the Government to immediately organize one hundred thousand troops for an invasion of Mexico, and so wipe out the brigands who, but for our protection, would have long been harmless as the unfortunate prisoner who fell a sacrifice to their infuriate cruelty.

But apart from the ruthless slaughter of Maximilian, we have a pressing and more immediate issue which cannot be overlooked. If it be true that Santa Anna has been another victim to the insatiable thirst for blood of Messrs. Escobedo, Juarez & Co., they have raised a problem which nothing less than full, immediate and ample vengeance can solve, and however notoriously insignificant the enemy with which we have to deal, we can not, upon that score, pass over the indignity. Maximilian fell through the moral support and countenance we lent to the mis-called Liberal cause. Santa Anna was dragged from an American vessel, and the flag which should have protected him was ignominiously spurned beneath the feet of the hybrid crew, who added insult to injury and ingratitude. Had he been the vilest malefactor that ever burdened the face of the earth, instead of the weak and imbecile old man that he really was, such an outrage, had it gone no further, could not have been tolerated; but ere we had time to recover from the bewildering indignity, we receive intelligence that the cup of indignity has been overflowed in the act of his execution. We remember the howl of indignation raised in England, and which was re-echoed throughout the length and breadth of her dominions, when Mason and Steidl were taken from one of her packet-ships by an American naval officer; how the act was disavowed by our Government, and the abducted men speedily restored to the flag from which they had been torn.

Nobody doubts that Great Britain, how ever slow of late years to engage in a

quarrel, would have made a pretty stance right upon that question; but we have a case of murder to add to abduction, to which may be added ingratitude of the basest stamp. We have been the only nation to stand by this degraded people, and we honestly believe that in their heart of hearts they hate us worse than all the rest of mankind. They have not forgiven us the thrashing we gave them a few years since; we must try the same experiment; but more effectually, and the sooner the better. [Cincinnati Enquirer.]

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